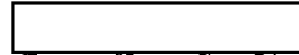


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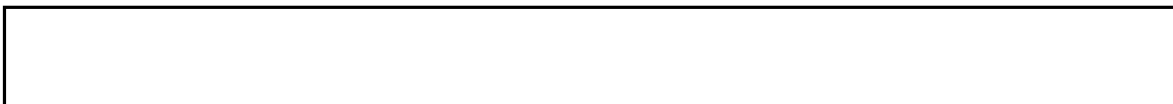


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*South Vietnam: General Khanh is publicly defending the dissolution of the High National Council as an assertion of independence of US policy.

Khanh, in his capacity as commander in chief, yesterday issued an order of the day proclaiming that the "armed forces have again assumed their responsibility before history." He denied that the military had betrayed their promise to restore civilian rule, and said their action was necessary to purge "partisan, counterrevolutionary elements."

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In an obvious allusion to US criticism, Khanh concluded the order with the statement that "it is better to live poor but proud as free citizens of an independent country than in ease and shame as slaves of the foreigners and Communists."

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Khanh, who until now has given the impression that he was being forced to go along with moves urged upon him by the young operational commanders, may feel that he will in any event be the scapegoat of possible repercussions from the military's action. His strong defense of the armed forces may be in part a maneuver to strengthen his status with the young commanders.

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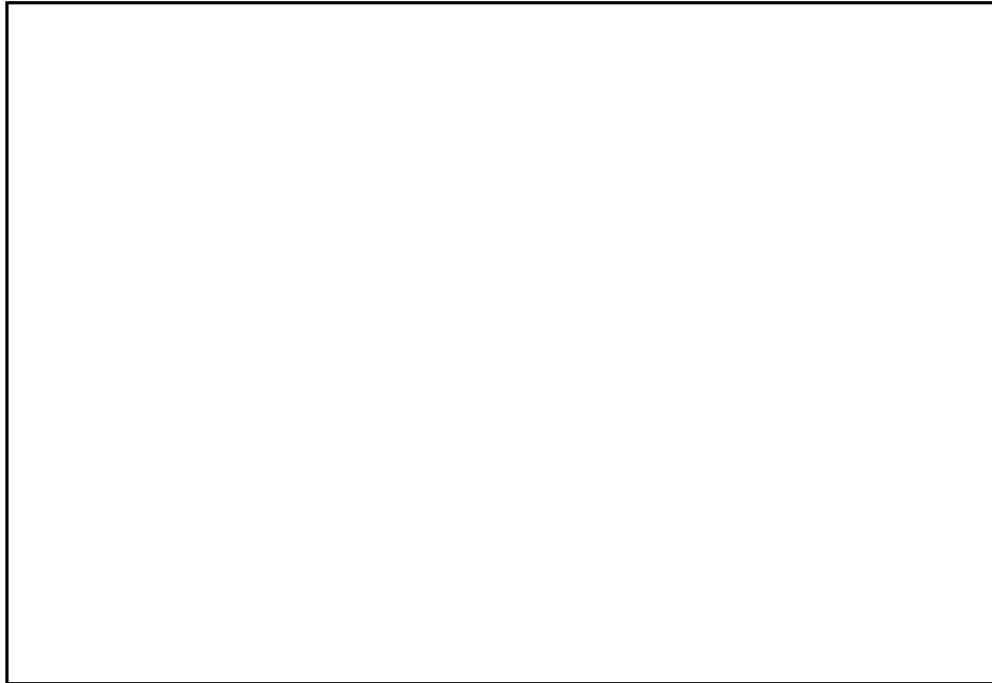
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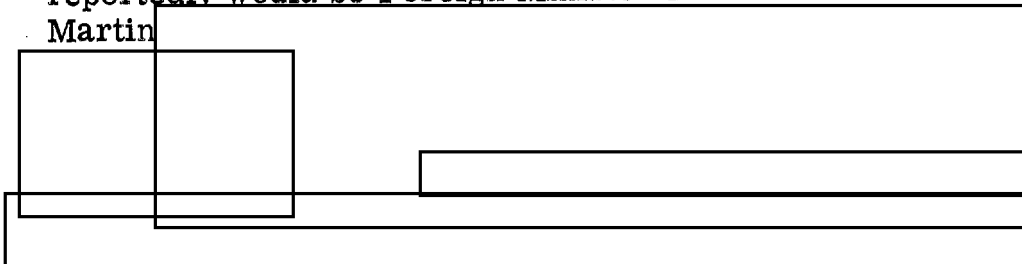
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Uruguay: The US Embassy in Montevideo reports a resurgence of rumors and denials that President Luis Giannattasio might resign before his term ends on 1 March because of the frustrations he has encountered in presiding over Uruguay's cumbersome plural executive system of government. His replacement reportedly would be Foreign Minister Zorrilla de San Martin

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